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Mr. Jim McKenna Port of Portland & Co-Chairman, Lower Willamette Group 121 NW Everett Portland, Oregon 97209

Mr. Robert Wyatt Northwest Natural & Co-Chairman, Lower Willamette Group 220 Northwest Second Avenue Portland, Oregon 97209

Re: Portland Harbor Superfund Site NOAA Support for the Remedial Process – FY 2008

Dear Messrs. Wyatt and McKenna:

EPA has reviewed the enclosed scope of work proposed by NOAA. The work proposed by NOAA is consistent with technical support NOAA has provided to EPA at the Portland Harbor Site in past years. The work will assist EPA with its investigation of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site as described in the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study ("Settlement Agreement"), EPA Docket Number CERCLA-10-2001-0240. The Settlement Agreement defines the respondents' agreement to pay response costs associated with the remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS), which would include the cost of NOAA's support to EPA in the conduct of the RI/FS. Because the work proposed by NOAA in this scope of work supports the remedial work being undertaken by or at the direction of EPA, EPA considers that the work would not be inconsistent with the National Contingency Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Chip Humphrey at (503) 326-2678 or Eric Blischke at (503) 326-4006. Legal inquiries should be directed to Lori Cora at (206) 553-1115.

Sincerely,

Chip Humphrey Eric Blischke Remedial Project Managers

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cc: Pease, NOAA/Office of General Counsel Cora, EPA/Office of Regional Counsel McKenna, EPA/Office of Regional Counsel